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SUBJECT: MARINE SECURITY GUARD - SEOUL

REF: (A) STATE 36023, (B) RSO MEMO DTD 1/30/76, (C) SEOUL 9700

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL (A), THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS FURNISHED. CURRENT POST COMPLEMENT IS TEN WATCHSTANDERS AND AN NCOIC. THE TEN WATCHSTANDERS MAN THE POSTS OUTLINED IN REFERENCE (B), STANDING A TOTAL OF 39.6 HOURS PER MAN PER WEEK W/O 1/9TH FACTOR. THESE WATCHES HAVE BEEN IN EFFECT FOR SOME TIME AND RSO DOES NOT DEEM IT ADVISABLE TO REDUCE POSTS OR HOURS. MANY FACTORS ENTER INTO THESE POSTS, SUCH AS A GOVERNMENT CURFEW FROM MIDNIGHT TO 0400, SIZE OF THE CHANCERY, HOURS WORKED BY CHAR FORCE, NUMBER OF CONTROLLED OFFICES, AND LACK OF AUTOMATIC FIRE EQUIPMENT. POST NO. 2 DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS IS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE AMBASSADOR, AND THE RSO UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ELIMINATE THIS POST. MAINTENANCE ESCORTS REQUIRED DUE TO WORK NEEDED AFTER HOURS IN CONTROLLED OFFICES DUE TO AGE OF BUILDING AND RELOCATIONS AND RECONSTRUCTION OF CONTROLLED OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE CHANCERY.

2. UNDER FY-74 TERRORIST PROGRAM POST MSG COMPLEMENT INCREASED FROM 11 TO 13 (A-2976 OF APRIL 11, 1974) FOR MSG POST IN ANNEX, WHEN REFURBISHMENT COMPLETED. REFTEL (C)
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ADVISED DATE OF COMPLETION (MAY 1, 1976) AND REQUIREMENT

FOR ON BOARD STRENGTH 12 WATCHSTANDERS AND AN NCOIC ON THAT DATE.

3. BASED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY MEMORANDUM OF SEPTEMBER 25, 1975, RSO REQUESTED TWO ADDITIONAL WATCHSTANDERS TO MAN A NEW DAYTIME POST IN THE CONSULAR LOBBY AND TO PROTECT A SEPARATE OUTSIDE ENTRANCE INTO THE CHANCERY USED BY CONSULAR VISITORS (SEOUL 7945, OCTOBER 75). HOWEVER, WITH CONSIDERATION TO MANPOWER SHORTAGE AND UTILIZATION OF MSGS, RSO REDUCED THE REQUEST TO ONE MSG IN A MEMORANDUM DATED NOVEMBER 11, 1975. THIS ONE MSG IS THE ONLY MSG RSO HAS REQUESTED ABOVE WHAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT SINCE APRIL 11, 1974. THIS INCREASE WOULD BRING SEOUL COMPLEMENT TO 14, 13 WATCHSTANDERS AND AN NCOIC.

4. POST HAS BILLETING SPACE FOR T/O OF 13 WATCHSTANDERS AND NCOIC. POST ALSO HAS PLANS FOR BUILDING BULLET-PROFF MSG DESK FOR CHANCERY LOBBY, ANNEX LOBBY, AND CONSULAR ENTRANCE/LOBBY AREA, AND TO EQUIP EACH WITH RADIO, TELEPHONE, AND CCTV EQUIPMENT.
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